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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION

(BASED ON PCT/JP03/02519)

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FOR: HONEYCOMB FILTER FOR

PURIFYING EXHAUST GASES, AND EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING

**DEVICE** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.